



SUNDAY BULLETIN

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2nd Sunday of Luke

October 4, 2020



On October 1st, we celebrated the Feastday of St. Romanos the Melodist and this Sunday, we honor all our church musicians. He is the patron saint of all who sing for the Church.



Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Hymns of the Day

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν
κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης
τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν,
Κύριε δόξα σοι

Apolytikion of St. George

Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτῆς, καὶ τῶν
πτωχῶν υπερασπιστῆς, ἀσθενούντων ἰατρός,
βασιλέων υπέρμαχος, τροπαιοφόρε
μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ
Θεῷ θῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε,
μεισπεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ
παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ
πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν,
τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς
πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ
προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων
σε.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

You descended from on high, O compassionate
One, and condescended to be buried for three
days, so that from the passions You might set
us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory
be to You

Apolytikion of St. George

Liberator of captives, defender of the Poor,
physician of the sick, and champion of kings, O
trophy-bearer, Great Martyr George, intercede
with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Kontakion

O Protection of Christians that never falls,
intercession with the Creator that never fails,
we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices
of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you,
quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to
you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and
hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who
protect now and ever those who honor you.

Epistle and Gospel Readings

The Epistle According to 2 Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1

Ἀδελφοί, ὑμεῖς ἐστε ναὸς Θεοῦ ζῶντος, καθὼς εἶπεν ὁ Θεὸς ὅτι ἐνοικήσω ἐν αὐτοῖς καὶ ἐμπεριπατήσω, καὶ ἔσομαι αὐτῶν Θεός, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔσονται μοι λαός. Διὸ ἐξέλθετε ἐκ μέσου αὐτῶν καὶ ἀφορίσθητε, λέγει Κύριος, καὶ ἀκαθάρτου μὴ ἄπτεσθε, κἀγὼ εἰσδέξομαι ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔσομαι ὑμῖν εἰς πατέρα, καὶ ὑμεῖς ἔσεσθέ μοι εἰς υἱοὺς καὶ θυγατέρας, λέγει Κύριος παντοκράτωρ. Ταύτας οὖν ἔχοντες τὰς ἐπαγγελίας, ἀγαπητοί, καθαρῶς ἑαυτοὺς ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος, ἐπιτελοῦντες ἀγιωσύνην ἐν φόβῳ Θεοῦ.



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Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

The Gospel According to Luke 6:31-36

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Καθὼς θέλετε ἵνα ποιῶσιν ὑμῖν οἱ ἄνθρωποι, καὶ ὑμεῖς ποιεῖτε αὐτοῖς ὁμοίως. καὶ εἰ ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστὶ; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας αὐτοῦς ἀγαπῶσι. καὶ ἐὰν ἀγαθοποιῆτε τοὺς ἀγαθοποιούντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστὶ; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ποιοῦσι. καὶ ἐὰν δανείζητε παρ' ὧν ἐλπίζετε ἀπολαβεῖν, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστὶ; καὶ γὰρ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἁμαρτωλοῖς δανείζουσιν ἵνα ἀπολάβωσι τὰ ἴσα. πλὴν ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἐχθροὺς ὑμῶν καὶ ἀγαθοποιεῖτε καὶ δανεῖζετε μηδὲν ἀπελπίζοντες, καὶ ἔσται ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν πολὺς, καὶ ἔσσεσθε υἱοὶ ὑψίστου, ὅτι αὐτὸς χρηστὸς ἐστὶν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀχαρίστους καὶ πονηροὺς. Γίνεσθε οὖν οἰκτίρμονες καθὼς καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν οἰκτίρμων ἐστίν.

The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

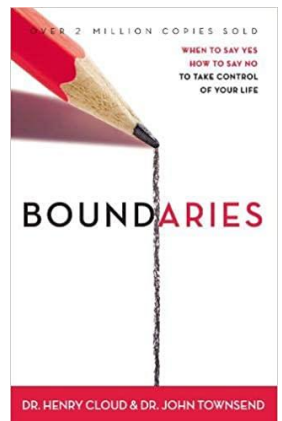
St. George Book Club/ Bible Study 2020

Join us on Mondays starting this Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6:30pm in our church. We will be introducing our new book, Boundaries. We will still be discussing Gospel and Epistle readings, icons, the Saints, Hymns of the church, and many beautiful parts of our rich faith.

Our book is available in our Bookstore and online at <https://st-george-greek-orthodox-church.square.site/>.

We also have a call in and a Zoom option available for those far away or at home.

Please email Father Neofitos to join our Book Club.
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Today in Church

Church Usher Assignment

Sunday, October 4 Arji Cakouros, Scott Morlock

Sunday, October 11 Lucy Brady, Roubina Morgan

2020 PARISH COUNCIL: Brian Goodale, President; Maria Dostis, Vice President; Alexandra Casey, Treasurer; Scott Morlock, Secretary; Roubina Morgan, Lucy Brady, Dimitri Koutsopoulos

Upcoming Calendar

[To follow along with the service texts at Ages DCS click here.](#)

Sunday, October 4 – 2nd Sunday of Luke *8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Monday, October 5 – 6:30 pm Bible Study/Book Club

Tuesday, October 6 – 5:30 pm Youth Zoom meeting for ages 4-12

Thursday, October 8 – 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
6:30 pm Sacrament of Holy Confession

Sunday, October 11 – Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council *8:30 am Orthros &
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Monday, October 12 - 6:30 pm Bible Study/Book Club

Tuesday, October 13 – 5:30 pm Youth Zoom meeting for ages 4-12

Thursday, October 15 - 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
6:30 pm Sacrament of Holy Confession



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St. Romanos the Melodist – Icon Front Cover

Apolytikion of Romanos the Melodist

The image of God, was faithfully preserved in you, O Father. For you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By Your actions you taught us to look beyond the flesh for it passes, rather to be concerned about the soul which is immortal. Wherefore, O Holy Romanos, your soul rejoices with the angels.

Kontakion of Romanos the Melodist

As a harmonious harp of lofty wisdom from on high and an expounder of things seen in God-inspired ascents, we extol thee, Father Romanos, and we hymn thee. As a trumpet of the gifts that pass the mind of man, do thou rouse us to divine and saving watchfulness, as we cry to thee: Rejoice, O Father elect of God.

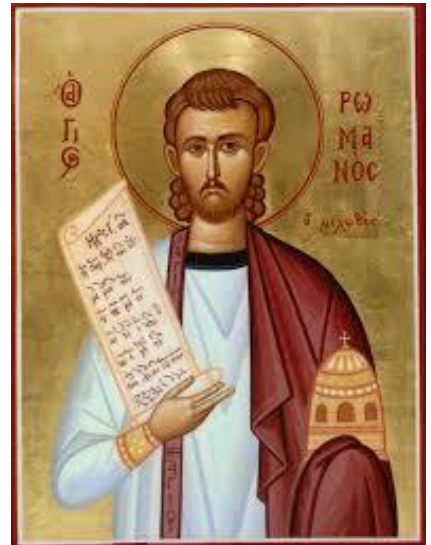
Life - Saint Romanos the Melodist was born in the fifth century in the Syrian city of Emesa of Jewish parents. After moving to Constantinople, he became a church sacristan in the temple of Hagia Sophia. The monk spent his nights alone at prayer in a field or in the Blachernae church beyond the city.

Saint Romanos was not a talented reader or singer. Once, on the eve of the Nativity of Christ, he read the kathisma verses. He read so poorly that another reader had to take his place. The clergy ridiculed Romanos, which devastated him.

On the day of the Nativity, the Mother of God appeared to the grief-stricken youth in a vision while he was praying before her Kyriotissa icon. She gave him a scroll and commanded him to eat it. Thus was he given the gift of understanding, composition, and hymnography.

That evening at the all-night Vigil Saint Romanos sang, in a wondrous voice, his first Kontakion: "Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One..." All the hymns of Saint Romanos became known as kontakia, in reference to the Virgin's scroll. Saint Romanos was also the first to write in the form of the Oikos, which he incorporated into the all-night Vigil at his places of residence (In Greek, "oikos").

For his zealous service Saint Romanos was ordained as a deacon and became a teacher of song. Until his death, which occurred about the year 556, the hierodeacon Romanos the Melodist composed nearly a thousand hymns, many of which are still used by Christians to glorify the Lord. About eighty survive.





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Church Musicians Sunday

Today, we honor all our church musicians and ask and pray God blesses them to continue praising His All-holy Name.

Choir

Olga Delorey
Eliana Georgelos
Mary Wilson
Elaine Euripidou
Aleka Menagias
Cathy Menagias

Chanters

Presvytera Catherine Sarigiannis (also sings in choir)
Gladys Paravalos
Evan Euripidou
George Cotzas
Demetrios Michael
Michael Pontisakos
Ted Pontisakos

Prayer for Church Musicians

PRIEST: In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN

O Heavenly Father, on this day proclaimed National Church Music Sunday by our Archdiocese, our parish recognizes the women, men, and youth in our parish who give their time and musical talent in service to You, our Lord, and to Your Church.

Bless them, O Lord, as they sing praises to You, and glorify Your Name. Let their music be a witness to Your majesty and love, and remind us all of Your presence in our lives. Help them to bring the Word of God to our parish family through Your music, through chant and hymn singing.

Help them to fulfill all the responsibilities this music ministry requires. Giving of time and talents to learn the hymns of our faith, teaching others these musical prayers, actively participating in the dialogue of our worship, and striving to enhance the beauty of our liturgical life.

Help them to grow as disciples of the Lord by making every effort to hear the Word of God, integrate His teachings into our lives, and sharing it with others through music. Master, Lord our God, You commanded that everything be done for Your glory. By Your blessing, stretch forth Your hand to these Your servants who sing hymns of praise for Your glory. Grant them the wisdom and ability to sing our Orthodox prayers. Grant them good health, a happy life, and bless their good efforts. For You are a gracious God and to You we give glory, together with Your Father who is eternal and Your All Holy Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and forevermore. Amen

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